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The consolidation of the Kansas City & Cameron Railroad Co., formerly Kansas City, Galveston & Lake Superior R. R. Co., under act of March 11, 1867, "upon such terms as may be deemed just and proper," with H. & St. Joe R. R. Co. did not operate to transfer to the latter company the franchises and unexecuted rights of former companies, so as to authorize a subscription to be made to H. & St. Joe R. R. Co. without a vote of the people, and such subscription is void. *Ibid.*

The K. C. & M. R. R. Co., though nominally a branch of the H. & St. Joe R. R. Co., is, in fact, an independent company, attempted to be organized under act of March, 21, 1868, (Sess. Acts 1868, pp. 90 and 91); and neither under that act, nor under any legislative authority existing when it was organized, could any subscription be made, by any county, to its stock or for its benefit, without a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters of such county. *Ibid.*

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Where a statute authorizes a county to issue its negotiable bonds, and makes it the duty of the county court "to levy a special tax of sufficient amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds, as the same become due," the power of taxation, thus given, enters into and becomes a part of the obligation of the contract between the county and every holder of such bonds; and under the Constitution of the United States this obligation of the contract can not be impaired or lessened in any degree by the constitution or laws of the state afterwards enacted. *United States v. Jefferson Co.*, 130.

In such case it is the duty of the county court to levy, and cause to be collected, a tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as the same matures, and if it does not perform its duty, it may be compelled to do so by mandamus. *Ibid.*

The bonds issued by the county court of Cape Girardeau county on behalf of Cape Girardeau township, under act of March 23, 1868, to aid in building the C. G. & St. L. R. R. are void. *Ranney v. Bader*, 188.

Taxes collected for payment of bonds illegally issued can not be recovered back. *Ibid.*

Corporation can not subscribe to capital stock or issue bonds unless power is expressly conferred by law. *Lewis v. City of Galveston*, 287.

Consolidation of companies; right to receive subscription passes to consolidated company. *Ibid.*

Authority given to "any incorporated town" to subscribe to stock of railroad, etc., not limited to towns incorporated at date of act. *Ibid.*

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Where negotiable commercial securities are issued and negotiated *before* there is any decision by the courts of the state against the validity of the act authorizing their issue, the Supreme Court of the United States does not consider itself bound to follow a subsequent decision of the local courts invalidating such securities, but will decide for itself whether, under the constitution and laws of the state, such securities are valid or void. *Ibid.*

Where bond contained a recital on its face that it was issued to pay for a subscription to railroad, county can not be heard to say that the subscription recited was not made. *Ibid.*

Fact that the requirement of a two-thirds vote is contained in a provision of the constitution instead of being a legislative enactment, makes no difference. *Ibid.* Mandamus will not lie to compel county courts to issue warrants on general revenue fund of county to pay judgments on railroad bonds. *State v. Walker*, 390.

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A person who commits perjury does not behave as a man of good moral character, and is not, therefore, entitled to citizenship. *Ibid.*

A pardon is prospective, and not retrospective in its operation; and while it absolves the offender from the guilt of his offense, and relieves him from the legal liabilities consequent thereon, it does not obliterate or wipe out the fact of the commission of the crime, so that it can not be made to appear on an application to be admitted to citizenship. *Ibid.*

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The liability of a person for damages arising from the negligence or malfeasance of another, in the performance of a lawful contract, is confined, in its application, to the relation of master and servant, or principal and agent, and does not extend to cases of independent contracts not creating those relations, and where the employer does not retain the control over the mode and manner of executing the work under the contract. *Carter v. Berlin Mills Co.*, 492.

The immediate employer of the agent or servant, who causes the injury, is alone responsible for it; to him only the rule *respondet superior* applies. *Ibid*.

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